

# WHAT'S UP, DACC?

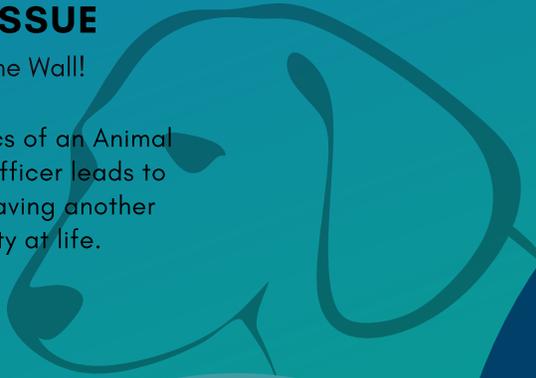
LATEST NEWS FROM OUR ANIMAL CARE CENTERS

## THIS ISSUE

Kitten in the Wall!

The heroics of an Animal Control Officer leads to a kitten having another opportunity at life.

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DACC Staff Practicing Social Distancing

Wrigley, a Boxer with Deafness, Finds a Home

### COVID-19 SERVICE CHANGES

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) has temporarily changed its business practices and its management of animal intake.

Adoptions and return of lost pets to owners continue, but are being done by appointment to ensure responsible social distancing and to promote health and safety.

More people than ever are looking to add a pet to their lives as they self-isolate. DACC wants to make it easier than ever to make that "new pet" a shelter pet. Therefore, no cost pet adoptions are being offered by appointment at all seven County Animal Care Centers!

For those who aren't ready for a permanent commitment, DACC has greatly expanded its fostering program so families can quickly and safely choose a pet to take into their home for a period of time, and provide that animal with a calm and nurturing home environment. The joy and companionship brought by these animals are great comforts during this challenging time.

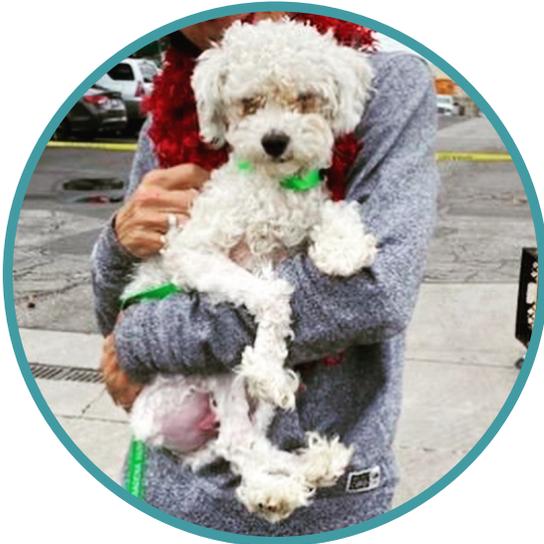


# LIVE ANIMAL OUTCOMES

## MARCH 2020

### 152 OTHER ANIMALS

### 1,222 DOGS



Little **Cotton** was adopted from Baldwin Park on March 20.



Downey's longest tenured residents, **Fishbreath and Tank**, were adopted together on March 28.

### 570 CATS



Following a three-month stay at the Castaic Animal Care Center, **Katie** was officially adopted on March 25.



On March 14, **Vee** from Agoura found a permanent home to hop around in.

**PURRFECT TIME TO ADOPT!**



While DACC has limited our services during this challenging time, we still have a large number of animals in need of homes. Adoptions are now offered for the cost of a pet license (plus a refundable spay and neuter deposit). The current environment where more people are staying home provides the opportunity for families to engage with new pets and help them acclimate to their new homes. If you have been considering adoption, now is the time! This is made possible thanks to a grant award received by the Petco Foundation dedicated to supporting life-saving animal efforts

## KITTEN IN THE WALL!

On March 26, 2020, an Animal Control Officer from the Palmdale ACC responded to a call regarding a kitten in a dangerous, yet peculiar, situation. Upon arriving, the officer would find a small kitten lodged deep inside a wall.

Unfortunately, the hole was too small for the officer to fit a basic catch pole or snake tongs. Instead, the officer cleverly decided to try a lariat, or a looped rope, which the officer was able to wrap around the kitten and safely extract it with.



Thanks to the officer's quick thinking, this helpless kitten was able to get a chance at being adopted into a loving home. You can view the rescue by clicking the link below!

<https://vimeo.com/404824535>



## GREATERGOOD DONATES PET FOOD



On March 29, 2020, the GreaterGood Foundation donated 40 pallets of pet food to DACC, an estimated value of \$85,000. The donated pet food will serve pets in DACC's care and pets that are currently being fostered by volunteers. This donation comes at a crucial time for Los Angeles County animals.



The Department of Public Works also assisted DACC in receiving this donation by lending much-needed equipment.

## MASKS FOR ALL!

Palmdale volunteers, Maira and Shawn, handmade masks which were distributed to staff. Volunteers like Maira and Shawn have been crucial during this time, and are helping DACC keep both pets and people safe!



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## ACTIVITIES IN MARCH



### MARCH 11

Leeto, known for his love of being pampered, pet, and brushed, was **adopted from the Carson/Gardena Animal Care Center.**



### MARCH 24

CBS Channel 2 News visited the Downey Animal Care Center to help **spread awareness about appointment-only adoptions** being available at DACC care centers.



### MARCH 7

Leo from the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center **found his forever family.** Congratulations, Leo!



### MARCH 22

This dazzling, white poodle known as Blanket was **adopted from the Lancaster Animal Care Center.**



### MARCH 27

A local middle school teacher adopted a three-year old poodle mix from the Downey Animal Care Center, then used the adoption as a teaching opportunity to educate her students about the adoption process. She even allowed her students to help name her new companion!

